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SEES ONLY MISERY.

Delegate Borda Has Decidedly Pessimistic Views of the Outlook in Porto Rico.

WORSE THAN UNDER SPANISH RULE.

"Our People Are Starving," Says Borda. "and so Hopeless is the State of Affairs that Fathers Sell Their Daughters to Keep Them from Dying of Hunger"—He Arraigns Gov. Allen.

New York, April 25.—When Dr. L. Borda, of the Porto Rican code commission, reached here several days ago he said in an interview that conditions on the island had been much improved, despite statements made by the small element of the population in a spirit of pessimism. To this assertion of Dr. Borda, exception is taken by Wenceslao Borda, Jr., a member of the commission chosen by the planters, Bankers and Merchants' association of Porto Rico to present to the United States government the views of that organization regarding the state of affairs on the island, particularly in connection with the effects of the Hollander revenue law. "Our people are starving," said Mr. Borda, in an interview, "and the island is in a worse condition under the rule of Gov. Allen than it ever was before, when Spain held sway. So hopeless is the state of affairs that fathers sell their daughters to keep them from dying of hunger. These people say the country is flourishing, are office-holders, representatives of that class of professional politicians which Gov. Allen has fallen—the worst class of all the island's inhabitants. This tax law to which we objected was framed by Prof. Hollander, a Jesuit, with no practical knowledge of Porto Rico. It was passed by the island legislators a few minutes before they adjourned. Gov. Allen signed it immediately, although he had not time to wait for ten days, which we object to the law, had every reason to expect him to do."

PHILLIPS BUYS JULY CORN.

Members of the Chicago Board of Trade Predict That Prices Will Go Higher Than at Present.

Chicago, April 25.—There were indications on "change Thursday" that George H. Phillips, the young leader of the corn bulls, was changing his interest in corn from May to July. During the forenoon Phillips sold between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 bushels. At the same time he bought heavily for delivery in July, which sold from 10 to nearly three cents cheaper than May. On the May corn he is expected to have a profit approximating \$100,000. As a reason for buying the corn for future he claimed that corn in July would be worth even more than it is now, owing to depleted country crops. In connection with this assertion he pointed to the fact that today's receipts here, 72 cars, are the smallest in years.

WANT GOVERNMENT AID.

Small Interests at San Francisco Urge the State to Back a Line of Steamers to Manila.

San Francisco, April 25.—Private advertisements to merchants here state that the department has under favorable consideration for definite action on a plan for the establishment of an American line of steamers to Manila. The proposition of the mercantile interests in this city. The proposition of the mercantile interests here is that the government guarantee to any firm establishing a line of steamers between San Francisco and the Philippines at least 2,000 tons of freight each month, to be delivered to the Philippines.

I. O. O. F. Anniversary.

St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—The city was in the hands of the Odd Fellows on Friday. It is expected that several thousand members of that order of the kindred society, the I. O. O. F., from Kansas and Missouri, will join in the interstate celebration of the eighty-second anniversary of the founding of the society. There is to be a parade, a public meeting and a concert in Convention hall and adjacent squares.

St. Louis, O., April 25.—Mrs. Maria Saxton, aunt of Mrs. McKinley, died here Thursday. Mrs. Saxton was 87 years old. She had been ill several weeks after the first inauguration.

YOUNG CUDAHY'S STORY.

The Kidnaped Boy Positive That Callahan Helped Abduct Him and Then Stood Guard Over Him.

Omaha, Neb., April 25.—In the trial of James Callahan for the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy at the opening of court Thursday morning, Young Cudahy told of his being made a prisoner and of his trip to and from the place where his captors held him. He positively identified Callahan as the man who put a pistol to his head and made him a prisoner and who guarded him most of the time. Callahan betrayed no emotion when the kidnaped boy declared he was one of the abductors, but a cynical smile played faintly over his features.

The boy said he could not have identified Callahan from simply seeing him. He admitted that he identified Callahan principally by his voice, and said that he would not be able to identify him by his appearance alone. In answer to a direct question the boy said he was as certain of the identity of Callahan as he was of the identity of his father or mother. He thought it hardly possible for there to be another voice like Callahan's. He said Callahan had a sort of brogue, and gave peculiar turn to some words, and sort of talked through his teeth.

HAD TOO MUCH MONEY.

David Henderson, a Wealthy Missouri Bachelor, Committed Suicide Because He Was Not Poor and Happy.

Savannah, Mo., April 25.—David M. Henderson, senior partner of the firm of Henderson Bros., bridge contractors, committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a double-barreled shotgun. Mr. Henderson was considered one of the wealthiest men in the county, and was a director in the Commercial bank of Savannah. He was unmarried and was living with his brother Philip. He left a note saying he was sorry that he had made the accumulation of money his sole ambition; that he was happier when he was in moderate circumstances.

ALL MAKE THE SAME RATE.

Round Trip from Missouri River Points to Colorado Points Will Cost \$15 on Trans-Continental Lines.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 25.—Charles Allen Parker, chairman of the Western Passenger association, authorizes the statement that the cut rates from Chicago to Colorado points established by the Rock Island and Burlington would be met by all other trans-continental lines. The rate is \$25 for the round trip from Chicago and \$15 for the round trip from Missouri river points. Mr. Parker stated that there would be no further cuts attempted below those already announced.

NO CHANGE AT PRESENT.

Congressman Curtis Told That the Pension Commission Will Remain as It Is for Some Time to Come.

Washington, April 25.—Representative Curtis, in the course of a talk with the president, suggested that Kansas stood ready to furnish a pension commissioner in case of the retirement of H. Clay Evans. The president said he was not yet ready to take that matter up. The president's remarks indicated that no action is now contemplated in the case of Commissioner Evans.

OFFER \$200 A SHARE.

Proposition from the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Will Be Submitted to Burlington Stockholders.

Boston, April 25.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy directors at a special meeting Thursday voted to submit to the stockholders of the road a proposition from the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads to take control of the Burlington. The offer for the Burlington stock is \$200 per share for not less than two-thirds of the whole amount.

Against a Bond Issue.

Omaha, Neb., April 25.—The Omaha citizen's committee decided that this is not an opportune time to attempt to secure the issue of bonds by the county in aid of the Kansas & Southern railroad, and the probability is that the matter will be indefinitely postponed, at least along the lines of a bond issue.

Will Select a Site in June.

St. Louis, April 25.—The world's fair national commission held a short meeting here Thursday and adjourned after transacting merely routine business. President Carter said the commission would be here in June to consider the question of a site.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT.

Many Insurgents Are Expected to Surrender Before May 1, When Amnesty Limit Expires.

MESTON RECEIVES HIS SENTENCE.

Commissionary Sergeant Convicted of Complicity in Manila Army Frauds Is Dishonorably Discharged and Must Serve Two Years in Prison—Lieut. William Patterson Will Be Tried by Court-Martial.

Manila, April 25.—Capt. James H. McKee, with companies G and F, of the Third infantry, recently encountered a force of insurgents near Norzagaray, province of Bulacan, killing five of them and capturing 25 rifles. Soon afterward Gen. Morres, with six men, came to Norzagaray and surrendered. Later Gen. Morales surrendered. Lieut. William Patterson, of the coast artillery, formerly a Philadelphia lawyer, is to be tried by court-martial for misappropriating the company funds. Many surrenders are expected before May 1, when the limit of the amnesty expires.

Commissionary Sergt. John Meston (charged with complicity in the commissary frauds, whose trial ended April 15), has been sentenced to dishonorable discharge and to two years' imprisonment. The sentences of the other sergeants and clerks similarly implicated will probably be greater.

Backward in Albay Province.

Legaspi, P. I., April 25.—The administrative features of Albay province are backward. The military situation is improving slowly. Gen. Bermarano is still operating with 200 rifles. The federalists have requested Aguinaldo's assistance in securing his surrender. A thousand men of the Ninth (colored) cavalry and Forty-seventh regiment volunteer infantry are at present in Albay. The new Twenty-sixth regiment (regulars) is on its way here. There are no American schools and few municipal governments. Although unsettled, the sentiment is strong for peace and civil government.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

Dr. Parker, the Famous Divine, Says Non-Conformists Will Never Hail Edward as the Head of the Church.

London, April 25.—In delivering the presidential address at the Congregational union in the city temple here, Dr. Parker somewhat astonished the meeting by his reference to King Edward, prefacing his remarks with the discriminatory words: "God be thanked for Queen Victoria and God save her son, the king." Dr. Parker proceeded to express the deepest sympathy with Roman Catholics under the "despicable insult" inflicted upon them by the oath of accession. The non-conformists, said Dr. Parker, recognize the king as sovereign of the empire, but would never hail him as head of the church or defender of the faith.

Memphis-Frisco Connecting Link.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—The Memphis road has awarded the contract for building the extension of that road from Miami, I. T., to a connection with the "Frisco" at Afton, 13 miles distant. The bridge over Grand river at Miami is to be built. The new road will be a part of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis.

Didn't Know How to Run It.

Charleston, Mo., April 25.—The Bank of East Prairie, this county, was closed by order of State Bank Examiner D. B. Seibert. The bank was organized last year by W. A. Neinstedt, who was made cashier, and the failure of the bank is due to his lack of knowledge of the banking business. The depositors will lose nothing.

Firemen's Lives in Danger.

Kansas City, Kan., April 25.—Fire started in the warehouse of the National Oil company in Armourdale and destroyed 12 cars of lubricating oil, two cars of axle grease and the warehouse. Although in constant danger the firemen fought valiantly and saved six tanks filled with oil.

Responsibility of Employers.

St. Louis, April 25.—Because an employe remains in the employ of a company when he well knows that a risk is assumed by so doing does not relieve the employer of the responsibility if accidents occur. This was expressed in the opinion handed down yesterday by the United States court of appeals.

Mr. Dockery's Statement.

Kansas City Times.

Governor Dockery Tuesday gave to the press the following typewritten statement, which he had prepared, on his position regarding the police commissioner's situation in Kansas City:

"The duties of the executive in this case are simple and clear. The present board of police commissioners at Kansas City was appointed a little over two years ago, for a term of three years, and confirmed by the senate. Their terms expire February 9, 1902. They cannot be removed under the law except for official misconduct, as provided by section 6173 of the revised statutes. I trust that I have courage enough to enforce the law, and I am quite sure I have courage sufficient to refuse to violate it."

"I have no idea whom I will appoint when vacancies occur. Kansas City seems now to be the storm center of factional troubles in the democratic party of the state. This is not a new condition, however. The party has suffered seriously for several years past from like troubles. Dissensions there are so pronounced and hostility so implacable that it is practically useless to attempt to identify the persons responsible for this condition. It is my purpose, however, when I shall have appointments to make, to select democrats of known character and capacity, who are large enough and broad enough to rise above any factional considerations wherever the interests of Kansas City and the democratic party are at stake."

He Brooks No Competition.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—Regarding a report from Omaha that he had decided that a messenger company doing business in a number of the larger cities, and offering to carry first-class mail matter at about one-half of the rate fixed by law can not be interfered with, Assistant Attorney General Tyner for the postoffice department said today that no such opinion had ever been rendered by his office, and that it would be absurd. Congress, he said, had already settled that question. He gave warning, therefore, that any company that attempts to perform such service in violation of the law will be promptly dealt with.

A company to collect and deliver city letters at 1 cent each was formed in Kansas City some months ago, and its organizers announced that they were prepared to put their plan in operation at once. Assistant United States Attorney Van Valkenburg said that such a business would be in violation of the postal laws, and the scheme was abandoned.

Shortest Will Ever Filed.

April 11, 1901.
One half of my fortune to Anna Rigby Fowler of Leeds, Yorkshire. One-half to my wife.
F. E. RIGBY.
Witnesses: C. P. STRINGFIELD, E. A. WHIPPLE, W. H. G. WILSON.

Chicago, Ill., April 23.—This is probably the shortest will ever filed in a court of law. It was filed in the probate court Monday morning. It consists of fourteen words, four figures, two fractions, three periods, one apostrophe, two commas and a hyphen, in addition to the signatures. The document disposes of an estate of \$105,000.

It was written with an indelible pencil on a physician's white prescription blank, which is about 4 inches long and 3 inches wide. Eminent lawyers declare it to be valid.

The instrument is the last testament of Colonel Francis E. Rigby, who died suddenly of heart disease at the Grand Pacific Hotel April 11. It was drawn by Doctor C. Pruyn Stringfield, the house physician.

Thos. M. Cobb, Jr., Dead.

A message came Wednesday from Honolulu announcing the death early on the morning of April 13 of Lieutenant Thos. M. Cobb, Jr., who was taken ill with smallpox while on his way home from Manila, and was landed on quarantine island from the transport Lawton. The following is taken from the Kansas City Star of April 24:

"Lieutenant Cobb was born in Springfield, Mo., March 14, 1877. He was the son of the Rev. Thomas M. Cobb, a presiding elder of the M. E. church, South, who lives now at Nevada, Mo. Lieutenant Cobb entered the army at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. He aided in organizing the Fifth Missouri volunteers, was made first lieutenant of company D and was later appointed adjutant. He was with the regiment all the time at Chickamauga and with it was mustered out of the service at Fairmount park."

When the war in the Philippines called for United States volunteers Cobb was made a first lieutenant in the Thirty-ninth regiment, which was recruited at Fort Crook, near Omaha. He received his second commission August 28, 1899, and left for the Philippines a few weeks later. In the Philippines he was stationed on Luzon.

Lieutenant Cobb was a newspaper man by profession. He was educated at Westworth Military academy and at the University of Mo., which he attended two years. He left there to work on the Kansas City Times, where he remained three years, until the Spanish-American war. When Cobb was mustered out of the Fifth Missouri he returned to newspaper work, leaving it only when he joined the service again as lieutenant in the Thirty-ninth."

Lieutenant Tom Cobb is well known in Lexington, having spent most of his life here. In his early life here he gave evidence of that energy and determination which enabled him to advance steadily and bring himself to the front in every position that he has occupied. His death is especially sad when at the dawn of young manhood a brilliant career seemed opening before him. He was a brilliant mind and had he lived he would have won for himself marked distinction in his career. He has many warm friends here who are deeply grieved at his sudden death that comes like a terrible blow to his friends and loved ones. To his father, Rev. Thos. M. Cobb, and his family our entire community extends its heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement. May their trust in the love of the Heavenly Father sustain them in this dark hour.

DEATH OF COL. A. H. BELO.

Col. A. H. Belo, of the Dallas, Texas, News, of which Geo. B. Daisey, son-in-law of Ethan Allen, formerly of the INTELLIGENCER, is business manager, died at Asheville, N. C., April 19, 1901. He was a native of North Carolina of Moravian parentage the name being evidently changed in spelling from Buelow. He served with distinction in the confederate army rising from captain to colonel. At Gettysburg his regiment was right up with Gen. Armistead when that officer fell dead sword in hand on the federal breastworks. He took part in the battle of Cold Harbor where with 80,000 men Lee inflicted a loss of 55,000 on Grant who attacked him with 120,000. Col. Belo was three times wounded at the Wilderness and Gettysburg, and only left the field by surrendering with Lee at Appomattox. After the war he went to Texas and took a front rank in successful journalism and wore himself out with work. Peace to the ashes of the brave soldier and conscientious journalist.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the faculty and cadets of Westworth Military academy Thursday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Lieutenant Thomas M. Cobb, Jr., of the 39th infantry, was formerly a student of Westworth Military academy, for four years fulfilling his duties as a student and officer of the battalion of cadets with faithfulness and obedience.

Whereas, by his manliness and nobility of character he endeared himself to his fellow students, his instructors and all who knew him; and

Whereas, in the volunteer service in the Philippine islands he has reflected great honor on his alma mater and left an inspiring example of brave manhood and courageous patriotism, therefore be it

Resolved, by the faculty and corps of cadets of W. M. A. that in his death we have suffered a deep personal loss, that of a friend who has known the same pleasures and associations with us and that of an example of the noble outcome of our training and efforts, and be it further

Resolved, That, feeling ourselves the personal force of his manhood and admiring him and deploring his sad death, we extend to his bereaved family and many friends our deepest sympathy and sorrow at his untimely death.